

ABOUT US

Prior to the arrival of European settlers in the 1630s East Haven was occupied by the Quinnipiac Indians. They grew crops and utilized the Farm River's resources of fish and oysters.

In what is today the OLD CEMETERY, there existed a natural amphitheater and spring used by the Indians. Remnants of this formation, commonly known as the "Indian Bowl" are visible to this day.



The Quinnipiac Indians had a fort there to defend themselves from the combined attacks of the Mohawk and Mohegan tribes. This also accounts for the deep depression now existing on the east side of the ground. Naturally it was a pond, fed by a spring which no doubt was deepened and enlarged by the Indians for the two-fold purpose of supplying them with water, and earth for breastworks for their defence in time of siege.

Town Green Tree Preservation Project
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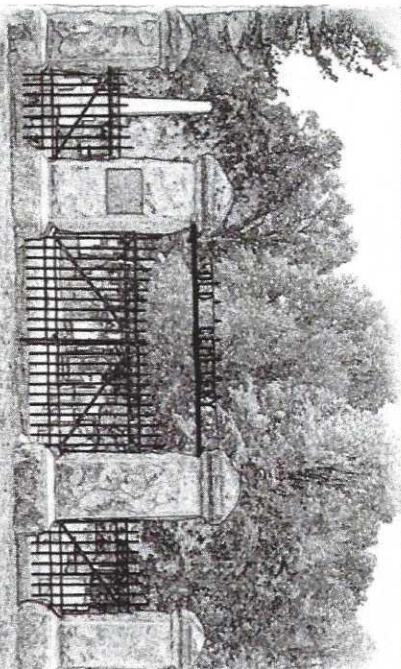
IN 1998 THE EAST HAVEN TOWN COUNCIL APPOINTED A BOARD TO OVERSEE THE CARE AND PRESERVATION OF THE GROUNDS AND GRAVESTONES OF THE OLD CEMETERY.

THIS COMMITTEE, KNOWN AS THE OLD CEMETERY BOARD, MEETS MONTHLY AND RAISES MONEY TO RESTORE GRAVESTONES.

THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 200 GRAVESTONES IN THE OLD CEMETERY THAT REQUIRE RESTORATION.

The Old Cemetery Board graciously accepts donations of any size for continuing maintenance and repairs.

Make Checks payable to
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East Haven, CT
Mail to: The Old Cemetery
250 Main Street
East Haven, CT 06512



THE OLD CEMETERY

RIVER STREET EAST HAVEN, CT

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